



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Texas

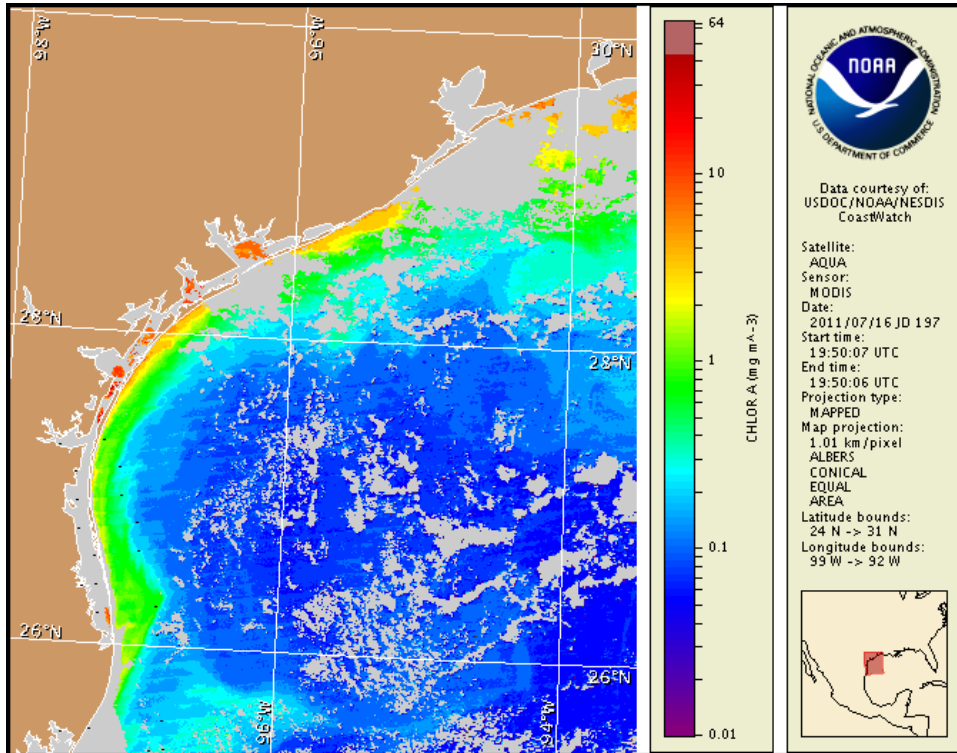
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from July 8 to 14 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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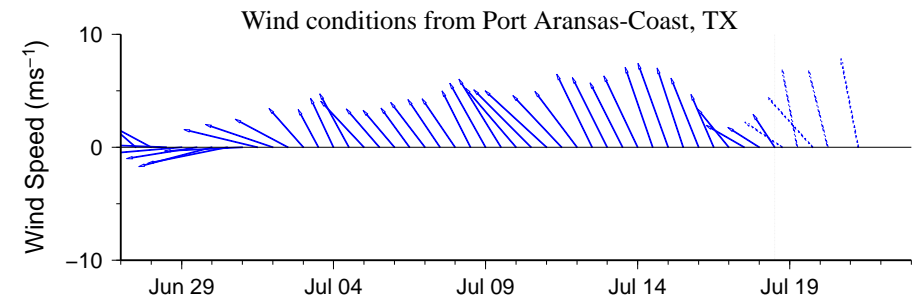
Conditions Report

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom at the coast in Texas. No impacts are expected alongshore Texas today through Sunday, July 24.

Analysis

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom along the coast of Texas. Recent imagery is partially obscured by clouds from Sabine Pass to Pass Cavallo, limiting analysis. In recent imagery (MODIS, 7/16; shown at left), patches of elevated chlorophyll (2 to 9 $\mu\text{g/L}$) are visible along- and offshore from Sabine Pass to the Port Aransas region. Elevated chlorophyll present at the coast is likely due to the resuspension of benthic chlorophyll and sediments and not related to a harmful algal bloom. Forecast models indicate a maximum transport of 15 km north along the coast from Port Aransas from July 16 to 21.

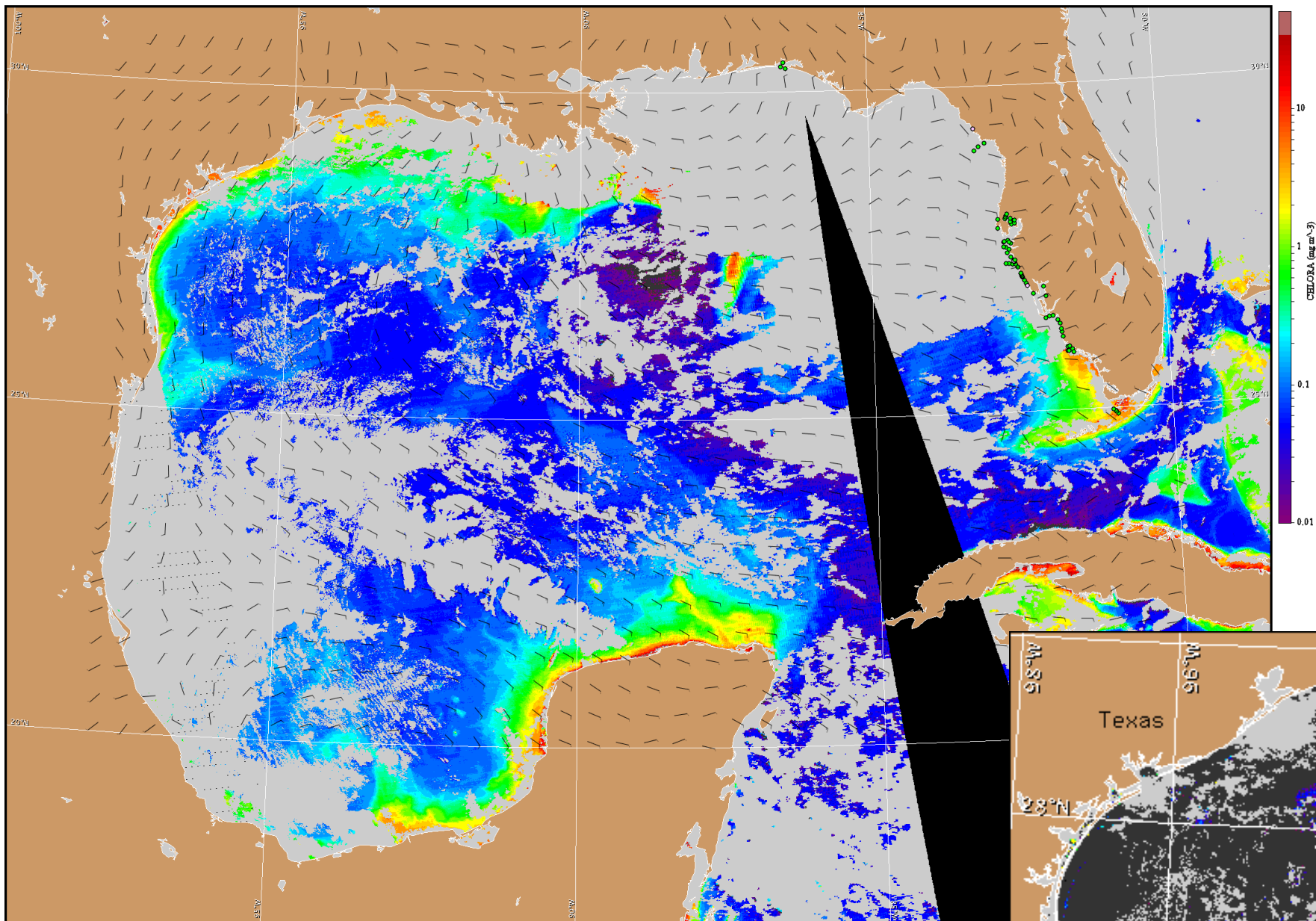
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

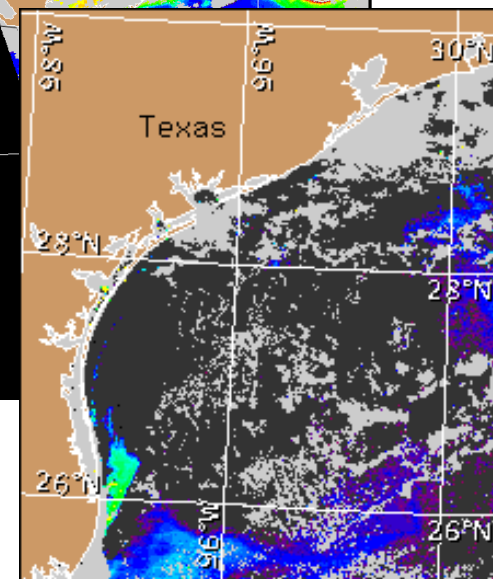
Wind Analysis

Port Aransas: Southwest winds (5 kn, 3 m/s) today shifting southeast (10-15 kn, 5-8 m/s) this afternoon. Southeast to south winds (5-20 kn, 3-10 m/s) tonight through Friday.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for July 19, 2011 12Z with cell concentration sampling data from July 8 to 14 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue(very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).